

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE

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Positions available: 2	Website: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/	
Application Deadline: July 14, 2006 with interviews beginning August 14, 2006		
Additional Application Requirements: No additional requirements. If you would like to speak to a current Articling Student about their experience please contact: (416) 327-8606		
BRIEF OVERVIEW		
<p>The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is responsible for administering Ontario's health system that provides services to the Ontario public through such initiatives as health insurance, drug benefits, assistive devices, mental health services, long-term care homes, home care, community health, public health and health promotion and disease prevention programs. The ministry also co-ordinates emergency health services and regulates hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, medical laboratories, ambulance services and independent health facilities. The ministry is also responsible for legislation affecting many aspects of the health care system such as the regulated health professions and health privacy. The ministry administers over 40 statutes.</p> <p>The legal issues that arise from the ministry's varied responsibilities are both interesting and challenging. Our lawyers provide legal advice to the ministry's program areas on topics on the "cutting edge" of health law, such as: SARS, West Nile Virus, blood issues, AIDS, organ and tissue donation, personal health information and privacy, mental health, telehealth and telemedicine, family health networks, primary care, physician shortages, "private" diagnostic facilities, assisted human reproduction, public health, long-term care, health insurance (OHIP), consent to treatment issues, ambulances and emergency health services, public hospitals, drugs and drug benefits, cancer issues, regulation of health professionals, assistive devices, alternate payment programs, laboratory services, local health integration networks and independent health facilities.</p> <p>The legal services branch assists with the development of statutes and regulations governing the health system. The branch provides advice on all other matters that relate to the operations of the ministry, such as corporate commercial law, procurement, intellectual property issues, freedom of information, and litigation, as well as assisting the ministry to provide input to initiatives lead by other ministries.</p> <p>We have offices in downtown Toronto and Kingston.</p>		

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Articling students receive a well-rounded experience in many areas of law, with some opportunities to concentrate on particular areas of interest. Our students work on high-profile, and often controversial, issues affecting the people of Ontario and the health system.

They have the opportunity to work with all legal counsel in the branch in a variety of areas including administrative law, statutory interpretation, labour law, human rights, freedom of information, contracts, corporate and commercial law, health law policy, and the development of legislation and regulations for the health system. Students can expect some exposure to civil litigation and judicial reviews. Students conduct research on a variety of legal matters and assist with the drafting of contracts, regulations and statutes.

An experienced branch lawyer acts as articling principal to each student. The branch organizes an internal "lunch and learn" continuing legal education program for its articling students and students participate in Ministry of the Attorney General educational programs .